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# Pocket runner qualified for the Junior Olympics in track

By MONICA STARK  
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On your marks, get set, go Terrence, go! As this edition of the Pocket News was going to press, John F. Kennedy High School incoming senior Terrence Gladney, Jr. was in Virginia just having competed in the AAU Junior Olympics for the 100 and 200 meter track events with times of 23.01 and 11.45, respectively. They are both off his PRs, but he ran well, came out healthy, and is excited to have had the chance to run against this level of competition. It will help him set new targets as he prepares for next track season at Kennedy.

He wrote into the newsroom to share his thoughts on this particular milestone in his running career.

"It felt great to be able to come out here and compete at the Junior Olympics. It was different than an ordinary track meet with things like a big screen showing your time and name immediately after the event. I'm glad that I got to come here and run after earning it in qualifying. This will help me in the future when I return to some of the bigger meets of the school season because I'll know what to expect and I'll have that much more experience and confidence under my belt. It's been fun being able to travel to different cities this summer to compete in track, and travel cross country. This will help me at the college level and beyond, and I will continue to train and get better every day."

As evidenced by that statement, this young man's incredible positive attitude and his love for running is contagious and has

brought joy to his parents and coaches.

His father, Terrence Gladney, Sr. said he most enjoys seeing his son compete and witness the direct benefits of his hard work. "Every time I see him run, I'm proud to see him nurturing his God-given talent through hard work. He loves running and competing, and it makes me happy that he's doing something he loves," he said.

Terrence said he wouldn't have gone to the JR Olympics if it wasn't for the help of my parents. "They have really given up a lot to help me pursue my dream. We may butt heads every now and then, but at the end of the day we still love each other. My dad is really the unsung hero in my eyes. No one realizes how much this man does for me. I really appreciate all the advice, support, and love my parents give me."

His mother, LaMinta is equally proud, discussing

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## Olympics:

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her son's growth as a runner as follows, "I've seen my son grow as a runner by the way the respects his body more, the confidence he has when he steps on and off the track, and understanding the fact that it is not just the body that is important, it is also the mind."

Terrence qualified for the Junior Olympics by making it in the top eight for both prelims and finals, placing fourth in the 100-meter and 200-meter races at finals. Clocking in at just over 11 seconds (11.05), Terrence, Jr. was close to breaking the 11 second mark, which he hopes to this next season. In the 200 meters he ran a PR of 22.30 the same day he hit 11.05, and he wants to hit 21s in that race.

Terrence, Jr. has been running competitively for about five years since 7th grade up until the start of his senior year. His best events are the 100 and 200 meters, but he could run 400 meters also if he wanted to.

What he loves most about running is that it is natural to him. He said the fact that he's good at running track and also successful makes him love it even more. "The feeling of accomplishment when you know your hard work has paid off is great. The results you want may not show up when you

want them to but, if you keep training and putting in the hard work it will eventually pay off and that's what really makes it enjoyable," he said.

Some of most exciting meets he was a part of were the Woody Wilson Invitational, Metro League Finals, and the SJS Masters.

Giving thanks to his parents and coaches, Terrence, Jr. said, "The help I've received from my coaches, more specifically my sprint coach has been great. They all give me great support and want to see me succeed. My teammates are also great. They help push me to my peak during practice and give me support when I'm running. Track is an individual sport, but it's also a team sport and without coaches and teammates to help support you it takes some of the joy out of track and field.

Terrence, Sr. said he is proud for Terrence because he's overcome a lot of challenges in his life, having lost his younger brother, and best friend, when he was 10 years old. "When he was young, as a younger parent, I fell victim to placing expectations on him to be like me when I was his age, making comparisons, whether consciously or subconsciously, between us. After losing Terrell, and seeing Terrence's perseverance, I'm most proud that he is walking his own path in life, and defining his own measures of success."



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# Camellia Waldorf on Freeport is moving to the Pocket

The following letter was sent to the newsroom via email. It is being reprinted in its entirety.

## Dear Camellia Families and Friends,

This past March, during the Camelliapalooza Fund A Need, I stood before you and asked for your support in Building Our Future. That vision included strengthening our Middle School Math and Science program, and thanks to your generosity we have now added a Math Specialist and Algebra offering to our community. That vision also included increasing our savings so that Camellia Waldorf School could one day purchase proper-

ty, and plan for the next 25 years and beyond.

In early June, we received an opportunity to make this dream of property ownership a reality. We were invited to tour the vacated Merryhill School campus at 7450 Pocket Road and to begin to imagine the potential of moving Camellia Waldorf School to this new location. This location on Pocket Road is approximately 10 minutes from our current site and allows for easy access from the freeway.

This location provides our community with two significant advantages. Having our school nestled in a safe residential neighborhood is truly

ideal. This location of almost three acres allows access to the levee and the Sacramento River, and is only a few blocks from Garcia Bend Park. In addition, this location places us within a few miles and directly in between Bergamo, a highly regarded private Montessori school, and Brookfield, a highly regarded private college preparatory school. This location, in a safe neighborhood that already supports educational excellence and educational choice, will bring new children and families into our community.

Needless to say, it has been a busy summer for the Board of Trustees, Administrative Staff, and Faculty. After countless meetings and hours spent reviewing our finances, Camellia Waldorf School is creating history by purchasing property at 7450 Pocket Road and will begin the new school year in September at this location.

As many of you know, we have spent the past two years building a relationship with the Sacramento City Unified School District and exploring the possibility of moving our school to the C.P. Huntington campus. While this arrangement would provide many benefits, it would not present the opportunity for ownership.

Although this decision is being made quickly, many substantial hours have been spent in preparation for this moment. When Camellia Waldorf School started at the

current Freeport Boulevard location, there was never the intent to remain for this many years. We are currently on a month-to-month lease and face many challenges with increasing rent, a difficult landlord, the lack of a safe and dedicated parking lot, and the surrounding transient population. In addition, this spring we were notified by the city of Sacramento that our property line is in violation and will need to be adjusted within the year. This adjustment will significantly reduce the available play areas for our lower grade, kindergarten, and preschool play areas.

It has long been the dream of our leadership to own a permanent home for Camellia Waldorf School. The entire faculty, staff, and board of trustees recognize the value of this opportunity and are in full support of this move. Plans are already underway concerning moving preparations, repairs, and upgrades at our new location. Jennifer Mason and I are already working on the necessary transfer of our California preschool license with expected ease and success.

We look forward to hosting an open house on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and inviting our Camellia families and friends to tour our new location! More information will follow soon. We also look forward to your involvement in making this move a successful community

effort. Although the timeline is short, we are a community with many talents and with your help, we will make great things happen quickly!

We are currently in need of volunteers to provide packing supplies, assist with packing of classroom materials, begin preparing our outdoor structures for transport, and to assist with repairs and landscaping work at the new site. If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please contact Ardyth Sokoler at [administrator@camelliawaldorf.org](mailto:administrator@camelliawaldorf.org) about your resources and availability. We are in the process of creating a Sign-Up Genius and will send the link early next week.

As always, we welcome your questions and comments. We recognize that unexpected change can be disruptive, and look forward to working together to make this transition as smooth as possible for our children. Thank you for your commitment to Camellia Waldorf School and for your support. We look forward to Building Our Future together!

Warmly,  
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## News briefs

The city of Sacramento Department of Utilities will be holding a **discussion about the water meter placement options** that are available for the project that is currently underway in the Pocket/Greenhaven community on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at John F. Kennedy High School Theater (6715 Gloria Drive) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. This meeting is for those households that have received letters from the Department of Utilities. Additional meetings will be available for those households that are part of the next phase of water meter installation.

### Grand opening of RT Blue Line to Cosumnes River College to open soon

Join the Sacramento Regional Transit District as the blue carpet is rolled out to celebrate the historic opening of the new Blue Line to Cosumnes River College light rail extension on Monday, Aug. 24.

The new 4.3-mile Blue Line to CRC extension -- opening ahead of schedule and under budget -- will extend light rail from the current terminus at Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College in South Sacramento and features four new stations (Morrison Creek, Franklin, Center Parkway and Cosumnes River College); over 2,700 park-and-ride spaces; two pedestrian bridges connecting neighborhoods to light rail and a bus/light rail transit center at CRC.

### Pre-opening community celebration will be held Sunday, Aug. 23 from noon to 5 p.m. at CRC

- Location: Cosumnes River College (east entrance at Bruceville Road)
- Preview train rides between the Meadowview and CRC stations
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- Community booths
- Kids' activities and prize drawings
- Giveaways at each new station

# Elks Hawaiian Luau to feature special show, music on Aug. 21

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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The Elks Lodge No. 6 building will be the site of a Hawaiian luau on Aug. 21. And a special feature of the evening will be performances by singer and guitarist Doug Meredith and the Island Essence Hawaiian Dance Duo.

The event will also include a no host bar at 6 p.m., and a 7 p.m. dinner, with kālua pork, teriyaki chicken, Chinese chicken salad, steamed rice, macaroni salad, rolls and dessert.

During an interview with this paper last week, Doug, 58, spoke about the entertainment portion of the luau.

"I will sing a handful of Hawaiian songs at 7 p.m., and then our Polynesian-style floor show will begin about 7:15 (p.m., and will continue until) about 8 o'clock," Doug said. "Then after that, I will be singing all different types of dance music from 8 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Waltzes, rock 'n' roll, cha-cha, maybe a little bit of country music, as well. It's all basically stuff that people, age 60 through 90, grew up with. The reason I like to focus on that type of music is that the lyrics are nice, the melodies are nice and the sentiments are nice. A lot of more modern music is very aggressive."

After being asked to name a few familiar songs that he will be singing, Doug said, "Most of the ones during the floor show are Polynesian language songs. They wouldn't recognize those (songs), but as far as the listening music goes, I will sing 'Blue Hawaii,' also 'Beyond the Reef,' and I might even throw in 'Tiny Bubbles.'"

Doug said that he had not planned on performing at a luau at the local Elks lodge, since his Polynesian music and dance group had called it quits six years ago and he has since mostly focused on events featuring ballroom dancing music.

"(Polynesian music) isn't what I do as a rule now, because we disbanded our Polynesian group, (the South C's Island Revue)," Doug said. "We performed thousands of shows (from 1981 to 2009)."



(above left) Evelyn Kahealani performs a Tahitian aparima dance.



Photos courtesy of Don Meredith

(above right) Singer and guitarist Don Meredith and his wife, a dancer named Evelyn Kahealani, will perform as two-thirds of the entertainment at the upcoming Hawaiian luau at the Elks lodge on Aug. 21. The program will also include dancer Leilani Ahulau (not pictured).

However, the local Elks lodge persuaded Doug to do another luau with two of the dancers that he worked with who are still dancing.

In regard to his experience in music, Doug explained that he became involved in music at a very young age.

"I'm a lifelong, full-time musician and singer," Doug said. "I was born in Long Beach, California. On Christmas in 1962, when I was 5 years old, my parents gave me a Hawaiian ukulele and a Tahitian drum called a fa'atete."

"I switched to guitar in 1965 at age 7 or age 8. My grandfather (Edward Simchick) gave me a Hawaiian steel guitar."

"I switched to electric guitar in 1966. I had what was called a (Teisco) Del Rey electric, solid body guitar. I practiced very hard and began forming my own group with older people, and performing locally in recreation houses and places like that. I had my first paid performance on Valentine's Day in 1968. That group was called The Unknowns, and they are still unknown. We were playing Beatles and Beach Boys music. Our first performance was in Sacramento in a rented hall of some kind. It was an event put on by some ladies in the neighborhood. They hired my young group to play,

and they charged admission and then they paid us part of the admission fee. I was only 10 years old."

After being asked when his family moved to Sacramento, Doug said, "My father (Pete Meredith) was part of RCA, the electrical company, and he would travel and install (airport)

runway lighting systems. The first time we came here was when (runway work was being performed at) the Executive Airport, and he was in charge of putting in runway lights. And we left, and we went to various cities, and then we came back

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# The lion cubs are growing up!

By ALICIA DIENST

The projected temperature was 105 Thursday and it was already warm at the Sacramento Zoo at 8:30 a.m. The lion family of five, 9-year-old lion Kamau, 10-year-old lioness Cleo and their three 8-month-old cubs, one boy and two girls were back in the private holding areas, waiting for their morning feeding.

"This is the first lion cub birth here since the 80s," said Lara Kirkendall, Outreach and Biodiversity Manager. Kirkendall stated proudly that they live together in a common holding area "just as nature intended." Kirkendall added that the cubs' growth has been exponential since birth. She said they are nearly 55 pounds now, up 50 pounds from their smaller frame at four weeks. Now, she said, "they're dog size, as opposed to cat size." And their size will double yet.

The cubs will learn all things from both parents; they will model their behavior after their same sex parent. "It's fun to watch them interacting with each other, playing with sticks, wrestling, chasing each other." She said they are learning and honing all the skills that they will need as they grow.

"The birth of the cubs gives us a great opportunity to learn about their lives," Kirkendall said. Some people assume that lions are solitary, but she said, "Lions are the only social cat." Now people will have the chance to see the family unit grow together. Kirkendall said Cleo usually monitors the action from a distance, while Kamau spends more time with the cubs.

The cubs' birth has attracted more visitors to the zoo who can see photos of the cubs' development over time over the cage. Zoo visitor Kathy Phillips came to get some new shots of the family. She said she has really enjoyed watching the cubs' development and the interactions of the cubs with each other and their parents. "The dad has been amazing." She was particularly impressed with the dad's parental restraint when the babies jumped on top of him and he just took it in stride.

While waiting for the lion family to make an appearance, a zoo keeper laid the area with "behavioral enrichment" treats. This gives the animals something to search for, simulating their environment in the wild.

Finally, the cubs appeared one by one and walked around, surveying their space, and tak-

ing turns sitting atop the area's highest mound. The cubs are learning how to be vocal and made a few whines.

Then Kamau appeared and immediately detected the presence of the treats. After his initial search, he planted himself a few feet in front of the opening, patiently waiting for Cleo to appear. When she did, she came out and then went back in, then reappeared and went back in again. This went on for a few minutes until she finally came out and took a seat stage right, where she had a view of the whole area.

Kirkendall said that having given birth and having nursed and taken care of the cubs in their infancy, Cleo "was used to being treated like furniture." Now, she said, "Dad is right in the thick of it (interacting with the cubs)" which brought great pleasure to visitors on Father's Day.

The zoo, Kirkendall said, was completely prepared for their arrival so they have all the resources they need to take very good care of the new additions, such as plenty of adequate space and meat. She said the decision to breed the lions was determined by the 1981 American Species Survival Plan. Tonja Candelaria, the Zoo's Public Relations Coordinator said that the "circle of life" maintains a certain level of the population at the zoo.

Over time as a result of the protections they have received, the lion species' status has improved from "endangered" to "vulnerable," according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Kirkendall said the Zoo was well prepared, but that the cubs have needed "very little intervention" since they and their parents are "doing a fantastic job." Candelaria noted that there is a high infant mortality rate in the wild due to disease, still births and predatory species.

Kirkendall and Candelaria both stressed the zoo's participates extensively in community and regional education, resource management and conservation efforts. "It doesn't take much to make an impact globally," said Candelaria. Two hundred volunteers contribute to the work of the zoo including 130 docents and 50 keepers, zoo teens, Interpretative Interns, horticultural groups, AmeriCorps, Boy Scouts and event volunteers.

The zoo will not release their names until the training period is over. Zoo staff want to make sure the cubs know their voices first to ensure ef-



Shown here is the mother and one of the cubs at the Sacramento Zoo.



Photos courtesy of the Sacramento Zoo. Shown here are recent photos of the lion cub trio at the Sacramento Zoo.

fective animal husbandry. For now the names are private.

Michael Douglas, a visitor services staff member, had a question for the reporter on her way out. "So did you see the pride of the Sacramento Zoo?" Indeed she had.

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# Therapeutic garden to be unveiled next Friday at Eskaton Greenhaven

The Therapeutic and Healing Garden at Eskaton Care Center Greenhaven is coming to completion soon. Staff is looking forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony next Friday, Aug. 14. Check out this progress and compare it to the schematic drawing that was our vision just a few short months ago. To learn more about the garden visit [valcomnews.com](http://valcomnews.com) and search for "Therapeutic and Healing Garden." The next issue of the Pocket News will feature the garden with many photos.



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# Update on the Cosumnes River Boulevard extension project

Construction on the 3.5 mile Cosumnes River Boulevard (CRB) Extension Project continues through the summer, and once completed, will provide a new road extension from Franklin Boulevard west to Freeport Boulevard, and access to the planned Delta Shores community, a public-private partnership with the city and property owner M&H Realty Partners.

As part of the Delta Shores project, the City began construction work on a new waterline replacement along Freeport Boulevard. The first and second stage of the waterline replacement has been completed ahead of schedule, and Stage 3 began July 24. During Stage 3—scheduled for completion by September 15—crews will be working between Conlin Park and the I-5 overcrossing. Those wishing to access Verizon, Conlin Park, or the water tank during this time frame can do so via the CRB interchange, and north on Freeport Boulevard.

Freeport Boulevard will still be closed to vehicle through traffic from Meadowview Road to the new CRB interchange. However, the new interchange will help ease local travel around the waterline construction. The city opened the newly constructed I-5 interchange, one mile south of Meadowview Road, in May 2015.

Source: <http://sacramentocityexpress.com/>

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# Luau:

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and finally stayed here permanently."

As Doug progressed as a musician during his teen years, he began performing in Polynesian-style floor shows at the Zombie Hut restaurant at 5635 Freeport Blvd. in 1973.

And in recalling that time of his life, Doug said, "When I was 15, I already knew how to play the Hawaiian and Tahitian music. My parents would drive me (to the Zombie Hut). I was too young to drive and they would drive me to (that restaurant) and I would join a musician there named Uncle Willie. He was running the floor shows there, and I would accompany him on guitar, and then at 2 a.m., my parents would come and pick me up and take me home. They were very supportive, and then I was making some money, so they were in favor of that."

Eventually, Doug would perform various times at the Zombie Hut throughout the years, until 1986.

Doug, who graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1975, also recalled performing in Hawaii.

"At age 60, I want to finally focus on staying home and writing my own music and recording..."

-Doug Meredith

"I traveled over to Hawaii at age 17 and began playing with the floor shows at the hotels," Doug said. "And at various schools and colleges, we would put on cultural floor shows with Hawaiian dancing and Tahitian dancing, and Hawaiian, Tahitian and New Zealand Maori (music). I went back a few times. I did it primarily in about half of 1975 and part of 1984."

In speaking about his aforementioned ballroom dancing music performances, Doug said, "What I do nowadays is I travel from city to city within a 100-mile radius of Sacramento, and I perform for dance organizations that hold their own dances, and I play ballroom dancing music. I perform as a solo artist under my own name, Doug Meredith."

I usually do one-night performances at many different cities."

Doug, who has never worked in any other field but music, spoke about his career as having been sort of a financial rollercoaster.

"It's up and down, up and down, along with the economy," Doug said. "When the economy goes bad, people don't have money, and they hire me fewer times. And when the economy is booming, I get lots and lots of jobs. I save all my money for times when it's low."

And in discussing his future in music, Doug said that he plans to retire when he is 75.

But he added that he intends to take a different direction with his career when he turns 60.

"At age 60, I want to finally focus on staying home and writing my own music and recording," Doug said. "That's what I'm going to focus on two years from now. And it's because to make a living as a fee-for-service musician, I have to travel and perform all the time. And I don't really have the chance to focus on bringing music out of my heart and putting it in a listenable form. I always have to travel or perform

music that people are familiar with, instead of original music."

In being that he plans to become a recording musician in two years, Doug, who has performed at many other luaus at the Elks building, was asked if this could possibly be the last time he performs Polynesian music at this venue.

"It could be the last Polynesian show at the Elks," Doug said. "This is the smallest (show). We only have two dancers (Leilani Ahulau and his wife, Evelyn Kahealani). We used to perform with eight dancers or more. I know for sure that I will not be doing any more Polynesian shows once I turn age 60. I might still play ballroom music, just because I have to earn a living. But I'm going to focus on writing and recording at that point."

But for at least one more night, on Aug. 21, Doug and his Polynesian dancers will join together at the Elks lodge to entertain guests at a luau.

Tickets for the event are \$30 each, and are available at the Elks office at 6446 Riverside Blvd.

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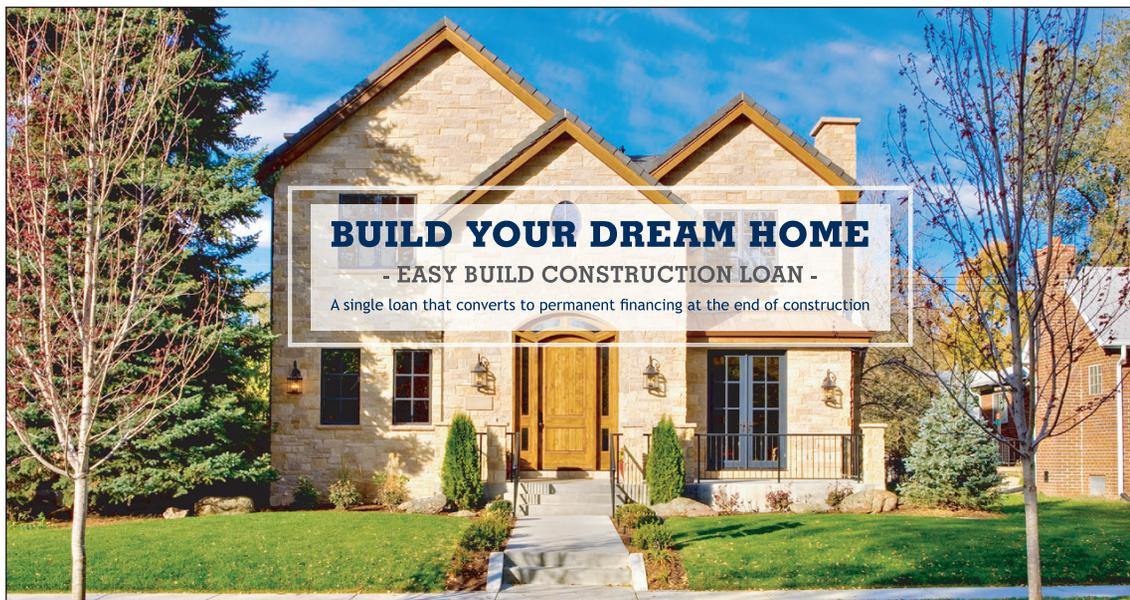
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# Congratulations Pocket Little League District 7 Champs

Congratulations to Pocket Little League District 7 Champions. Shown here are team photos, along with quotes from the team members about their love of the sport and what winning the championships mean to them. Both Pocket Little League Juniors and 9-10 year old division All-Star teams were undefeated and won their division in the District 7 Tournament earlier this summer.

## 2015 Pocket Juniors

2015 Pocket Juniors are led by manager Sandy Wills and coaches David Yasuda and Kevin Mark.

Short stop **Blake Yuyama** has played eight seasons.

Blake's favorite thing about baseball: Playing with friends

His feelings when the team got the banner: "Super happy to be moving on with a great team"

Right fielder **Erik Chavez** has played for 10 years.

Erik's favorite thing about baseball: Learning the game and being out there with my friends/team.

Feelings about being an All Star and when the team got the banner: "I'm proud to be an All Star and represent the league. I was happy for my team and coaches when we won the banner."

Second baseman **Grant Wills** has been playing for eight years. Grant's favorite thing about baseball is when "the excitement of the game when the score is close." His feelings about being an All-Star means that "all of your hard work has been recognized and rewarded" and to him, getting the banner "is something I have been working on my whole life and when that last run came in to win the game, feelings of relief and happiness rushed through my body."

Center field, pitcher, first baseman **Jake Cervantes** has been playing since he was 3 years old. He said his favorite thing about baseball is "hitting the ball" and

he said being an All-Star means that, "I never give up and strive to do the thing I love. When we got the banner I was blessed to win with my team."

Left fielder and first baseman, **Luke Crawford**, has been playing since he was 6 years old and his favorite things about playing baseball are "hitting and messing around with all my teammates." In regard to becoming an All-Star and winning the banner, he said, "It means that you put in the extra practice time and you get rewarded by being an All-Star. (I am) super happy and excited because our team was the best in all of district 7."

Third baseman **Mark Valdez** has been playing for eight years. His favorite thing about playing baseball is "coming together as a team and having fun with friends." He is excited his hard work paid off and is proud to represent his community. "(It) just feels great when you win," he said.

Shortstop, pitcher and catcher **Scott Yasuda** has been playing baseball for nine years now. He said his favorite thing about baseball is "when you make a great play or you get a solid hit. It's a one of a kind feeling. You feel excited and pumped up for the next play or at-bat. Being an All-Star means you have a great skill set and you represent your organization well. For example, you get to games early or you always have a positive attitude towards the game. The feelings that I felt when we held up the District 7 banner was excitement, but it didn't really hit me until I got home because the adrenaline was pumping through my body. The win was even more exhilarating since we won by a walk-off single by Luke Crawford in the 8th inning."

Team members not quoted include: **Javier Garcia, Cirilo Hernandez, Kyle Lance and Kaleo Mark.**

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# Matias Bombal's Hollywood

## SOUTHPAW

The MPAA has rated this R

By MATIAS BOMBAL

The Weinstein Company throws another boxing movie into that cinema genre with "Southpaw". Directed by Antoine Fuqua, it stars Jake Gyllenhaal as Billy Hope, a boxer starting at the top of his game with a gigantic mansion, beautiful wife (Rachel McAdams), lovely daughter (Oona Laurence) and all the trappings of the nouveau riche, including a slimy business manager (Curtis '50 Cent' Jackson).

A series of events throws him down for the count as one blow after another in his own personal

life destroys his surroundings and family. Following a charity event, he loses his wife in a tragic accident, and before he even begins to understand what is happening, his business manager Jordan Mains (Jackson) moves in to play on his confused state to take advantage of him, coercing him to sign a contract that will clearly do more for the manager than the fighter. The unscrupulous Mains thinks "If it makes money, it must be right." He's always the backer of the guy who's on top.

It is only the beginning of misfortunes for boxer Billy, whose daughter is removed from his custody by court order. The daughter, Leila, has a chance to offer some of



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Jake Gyllenhaal is down for the count until he meets Forest Whitaker in "Southpaw"



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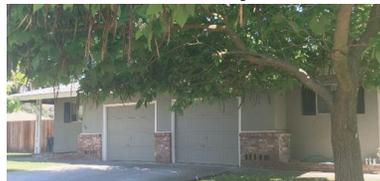
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# Message from your councilmember

By RICK JENNINGS



The reality of the drought has sunk in for most of us. The new normal for the near term will be brown lawns and shorter showers. Long term, our community will adapt and enhance our landscaping with more native plants and our homes with more water efficient appliances. This new ethic applies to the city of Sacramento's infrastructure as well.

Our city had a prohibition on the installation of water meters in the city charter. In 2004, AB 2572 required that all water suppliers had to install water meters by 2025 for all of their customers overriding any local prohibition. In response to this state mandate, the city of Sacramento began installing water meters in 2005 with the focus on having the entire City metered by the 2025 deadline.

The city had neglected the water infrastructure for generations. The installation of 105,000 water meters was combined with an investment in the distribution and treatment capacity of the city's water system. The city's main treatment plant, built in 1923 required updating. The water distribution pipes needed upgrading and in some cases relocation to public rights of way from the backyards. The program implementation included the replacement of 175 miles of water mains. The total cost for all three programs is substantial, nearly \$620 million dollars citywide.

In reviewing the water meter, distribution and treatment capital improvement programs, a focus was placed on reducing the overall costs of the project. Ways to save money in the distribution, treatment, and water meter installation programs were reviewed. In addition, the severity of the drought dictated a review of the meter installation schedule.

In February of this year, staff brought forward a proposal to accelerate the time frame for meter installations, and to reduce costs in both the meter installation program and the distribution

upgrade program. The proposal included cost savings on the meter installation of over \$5 million dollars and the water distribution project of just over \$60 million dollars. The cost savings in both programs were achieved through a robust review.

In the water distribution program, the savings were from additional review of the water mains focusing on what needed to be replaced based upon useful life, and what was needed to be replaced now due to leaks and potential failure.

In the case of the water meters, the cost savings were gained primarily through a change in installation location. Up until this point, all of the meters were to be placed in the sidewalk. The cost difference between installing the meters in the sidewalk and installing the meters in the public right of way just behind the sidewalk (when available) created the just over \$5 million dollar savings. This change is in alignment with the city's standard for new construction installation. Since 1992, all new homes built in California were required to install meters. In Natomas, the water meters were installed in the yards and not the sidewalks. In neighboring communities, that was the standard requirements as well.

The lower costs of the meter installation will enable the city to not increase rates to cover that cost. There are and will continue to be cost pressures on the water system from additional state and federal regulations. Additional conservation requirements, treatment plant regulations and the normal need to invest in the maintenance and upgrades of the water system will continue. The city council felt it important to review costs that were in their control and try and

save as much rate payer money as possible.

The option for the homeowners to pay an additional fee to have the meter installed in the sidewalk was a direct outcome of two community meetings that were held at the Pocket/Greenhaven library. Attendees at the meetings expressed a preference for the option to install the meters in the sidewalk if they were willing to pay the differential costs. The current program reflects both the costs savings and the requested option.

As the city moves through installing the remaining meters in our community, I will be working with City Department of Utilities staff to ensure better communication and customer service during this process. Effective communication on why decisions are made and how the project will be implemented will be the focus of the program for the remaining meter installations in our community. If you encounter any difficulties, please call my office at 808-7007.

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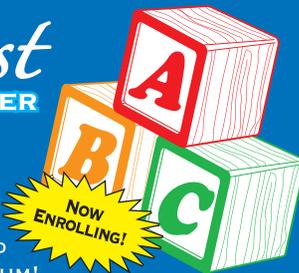
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will enable them to conceptualize, create, render and complete drawings. Space is limited and registration is required. Please note that participants should plan to attend all 8 sessions. Registration is required.

## Knit Together @ Pocket Library (Adult)

**Friday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m.:** Anyone interested in knitting—even an absolute beginner—is invited to join the Pocket Library Knitting Group. Participants can learn to knit, get help on current projects or general advice from expert knitters. There might even be some great conversations too. Don't forget to

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### Cops & Kids Reading / Police Officer Storytime at Pocket Library (Family/All Ages)

**Thursday, Aug. 13 at 2:30 p.m.** Book 'em, kiddo!

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## Pocket 9-10 year olds

2015 Pocket 9-10 All-Stars were led by managers Sandy Wills and Alex Hollowell and coaches Chad Wohlford and Frank Castillo.

First baseman **Frankie Castillo** has been playing baseball since he was 5 years old and his favorite thing about baseball is hitting. He is happy about his team getting the banner and he said being an All-Star means he gets to play with better players.

Left fielder and first baseman **Bereket Chapman** has been playing for four years. She said she likes a lot of things about baseball, but "one of my favorite things is when you've been working really hard on a certain play or something specific about your swing and then in a game you finally do it perfectly. I also like being the only girl on the team. Being an All-Star to me is an honor because my teammates voted for me to go and represent Pocket Little League. When our team got the banner everyone was overjoyed, excited, and knew that we would never forget this moment."

Right fielder **Jaiden Felix** said he has been playing for six years. "Being an All-Star means that I played



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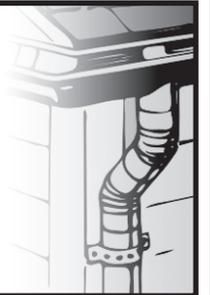
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# Bombal:

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the movie's most direct and honest dialogue, allowing for moments of humor in the downward trajectory of the fighter's situation. Their separation is his biggest blow of all, and the very core of his motivation to climb out of his hell. His house and cars are repossessed, his assets frozen, and he is left on the street to begin again.

Motivated to avenge his wife's death and be allowed to live again with his daughter, he seeks out a famous boxing coach, Tick Wills (Forest Whitaker), in a very humble and tough section of the inner city. There, at a small and careworn gymnasium that Wills runs, Billy takes the job of cleaning up the place at night to cover his membership. After a false start, he begins training for his return to greatness. Following a small exhibition fight for a charity, the slimy Jordan Mains returns, offering a contract to fight the man Billy holds responsible for the death

of his wife, and the motivation to return to the glossy world of big time fighting proves too much to resist. But he does not want to do it alone; he insists that Wills be his trainer. Wills is not easy to win over at first, and the two characters are at opposite ends in many ways, but eventually, they bind together for the common goal.

Forest Whitaker is good in just about all he does. Here, he is the center of this movie, offering the foundation for Billy to begin again. This riches-to-rags bout with a fighter starting at the top of his game and spiraling downwards is nicely made to make audiences happy, with beautiful lighting and color design. It plays on the emotions, and there's not a dry eye in the house when the father and daughter are separated by the judge.

When I asked Jake Gyllenhaal, in my online review (which you may see at [www.mabhollywood.com](http://www.mabhollywood.com)), what was it about this movie story appealed to him the most, he replied: "The story about how to

fight the system, having to be your best self; ask yourself questions internally, dig deep and say- how do I overcome situations where everything is telling me to fail.

"That idea, and seeing how this character fights through all that... was a beautiful idea, a beautiful part of the story and something I wanted to tell." He continued: "The other idea that was really beautiful is this idea of family; everything that you sacrifice for your family to be a father and learn how to be a good father. That, to me, moved me more than everything, the relationship with father and daughter in this movie is incredibly powerful and incredibly moving; it moved me in the script and it moves me even now, when I watch the movie."

In spite of excellent visuals, this picture reworks many old plot ideas that we have seen in boxing movies of the past, introduced again in this storyline perhaps for young people that may have never seen a boxing movie before. There were some surprising continuity

errors here and there, but they will not affect the crowd pleasing emotional tugs well handled by the director.

Ms. Rachel McAdams, featured in the early part of the movie lights up the screen beautifully with her singular personality. I loved her in Woody Allen's "Midnight in Paris" and wish that her part may have lasted longer here. She's memorable in her brief screen time.

The movie's credit crawl begins with a title card in memory of the film's composer, James Horner, who died in an airplane crash last June. Horner's movie scores gave mood and advanced the plot of some of the best pictures in the last 20 years, including memorable scores for "Aliens", "Field of Dreams", "Braveheart", "Apollo 13" and "Titanic". "Southpaw" is not the last of his scores that you may hear; he composed music for three more productions yet to be released. Overall, this movie is going to do well with audiences, but I was not overly impressed. As always, I leave it to you to decide.

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## AUGUST

### Fire Station 18 Open House

Aug. 1: Fire Station 18, located at 746 North Market Blvd., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

Aug. 6: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience

on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy Smores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact [sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://sacramentovalleyconservancy.org) or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

### Taiko special class

Aug. 6-Sept. 25: Taiko refers to any of the various Japanese drums and to the form of ensemble Taiko drumming. In this beginning class, you will learn the history and basics of Taiko drumming. This class is fun for all ages and beginning Aug. 6 through Sept. 25 at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive, ACC is offering a special Taiko class at \$1 per class. Pre-registration is required. For more details and times of classes, call 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

### Fire Station 19 Open House

Aug. 8: Fire Station 19, located at 1700 Challenge Way, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### August 2015 Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale

Aug. 8: With new merchandise constantly added to the inventory, more than 100,000 "gently used" books, videos, and audio books will be offered for prices from 50 cents to \$2 at the Friends of the Library Warehouse Sale. There will also be a \$6 bag sale outside the warehouse. The warehouse is at the rear of the Friends' "Book Den" store at Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Ave., just south of 14th Avenue between Power Inn and Florin-Perkins roads. Plenty of parking is available, but visitors should be careful not to park between the "No Parking" signs on the south side of Belvedere. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the bag sale opening at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a preview for Friends members only on Friday, Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the members' bag sale opening at 4:30 p.m. (You can join at the door for \$15). Bring your own bag if possible. Income from the sale helps pay for programs, equipment, and materials local libraries need but can't afford. The book store will be open during the sale as well as weekly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most items there are priced from \$2 up, but there is also a large dollar-a-book section of fiction. For more information, call 731-8493 or go to [fspl@att.net](mailto:fspl@att.net).

### Tips to get house ready for sale

Aug. 11: Learn how to prepare your house for sale to get great results, including knowing when to remodel your home and how to stage your home to showcase for open house. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

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### People with disabilities: How to protect yourself

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### BBQ, Beer and Boogie returns

Aug. 13: BBQ, Beer and Boogie is back at Oakmont of Carmichael. Hosted by Oakmont of Carmichael and the Kiwanis Club of Carmichael, the event will feature live music by Todd Morgan & The Emblems as well as great food, dancing, a silent auction and a raffle. The fun goes from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. It's a fundraiser for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. So please join in the fun and support a great cause. 4717 Engle Road, 95608; tickets are \$30. RSVP by Aug. 4 to [Virginia.Stone@oakmont-mg.com](mailto:Virginia.Stone@oakmont-mg.com)

### Fire Station 57 Open House

Aug. 15: Fire Station 57, located at 7927 East Parkway, will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra meeting

Aug. 16: The Sacramento Guitar Society Orchestra welcomes all players of nylon string guitars who read standard music notation in the first position. Come join the fun at rehearsals at 3823 V St. Sacramento Music Preparatory Theater at 1:30 p.m. After rehearsal, join us for open stage.

### Health benefits of tea

Aug. 20: An introduction to incorporating healthy and good tasting tea into your busy life. Learn about the healing properties of teas that can be bought at your local grocery store. The instructor recently returned from China, Japan and Korea where she was certified by the Academy of Medial Qi Gong and where she studied the healing properties of various teas and herbal blends which may enhance one's health. Handouts will allow you to enjoy tea instead of taking notes. Pre-registration of \$15 is required or \$20 drop-in fee at the door. Class will be held on August 20, 2015 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

### Fire Station 60 Open House

Aug. 22: Fire Station 60, located at 3301 Julliard Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Crime prevention through environmental design

Aug. 24: CPTED can reduce opportunities for crime that may be inherent in the designs or structures of homes and in the design of neighborhoods. This training will teach you about "Target Hardening"; making your home the hardest home to break into on the block by upgrading windows, replacing strike plates and hinge screw with longer ones, keeping gates locked, etc. Information on alarm/video systems will also be provided. Free of Charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Drive. For details, call (916) 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

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Tips to Get Your House Ready for Sale - Tuesday, August 11, 10:00-11:00 am - Free  
People with Disabilities: How to Protect Yourself - Thursday, August 13, 10:00-11:00 am - Free  
Crime Prevention Thru Environmental Design - Monday, August 24, 11:00 am-12:30 pm - Free  
Health Benefits of Tea - Thursday, August 20, 1:30-3:00 pm - \$15 pre-paid/\$20 at door

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hard all season during practice and games. Winning the banner was really exciting!"

Center fielder and pitcher **Talen Hollowell** has been playing baseball for six years. His favorite thing about baseball are "clutch moments you can have in a game. Being an All Star to me means we balled, made a statement, and when we won the banner, it felt great holding the banner versus watching someone else take pictures with it."

Middle infielder and pitcher **Griffin Kawelo** has been playing baseball for six years, since he was 4 years old.

His favorite thing about baseball is that he gets to play with lots of friends. "I also like batting! Being an All-Star has been great, since this is the first year I was selected for the team. I enjoy working hard and being the best I can be. We were all happy to get the district banner because we had to play hard and work as a team."

**Kyle Ottmann** played third baseman during the All-Stars and during the regular season, he played pitcher, center field, short stop, catcher, second baseman. He's been playing the sport since he was 4 years old. "I just really love the game," he said. "Being an All-Star to me means that I've been picked to represent our league as one of the best players. I was happy for my team to get a banner."

Pitcher and short stop **Griffin Smith** has been playing for six years. He enjoys "making contact with the ball."

It makes me feel really good (about being an All-Star) because we are selected by all of the AAA players and they thought enough of me to vote for me. I was really excited (about winning the banner) because we are the first for the 9-10 division in Pocket Little League's history to win the District 7 banner.

Third baseman **Conner Takeda** has been playing for six seasons. "The best thing about baseball is the feeling and sound of my bat hitting the ball," he said. "Being an All Star means I worked hard all season and that other players voted for me to represent Pocket. When we got the banner I was excited and proud to represent Pocket Little League and District 7."

**Jake Westman** played left field during All Stars. He's been playing baseball for six years, since he was 4 1/2 years old. He said he enjoys playing with his friends. "Getting a big hit is cool too! It made me feel special that I got to play on the All Stars because not everyone gets to do that in Little League. I don't think I'll ever forget this experience!" He was really happy and proud of the team as they played so hard to get that far. "I think we made history for the Pocket 9-10 year old All Stars, and that's really cool and exciting!"

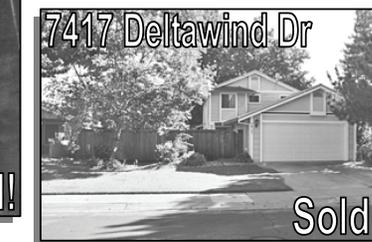
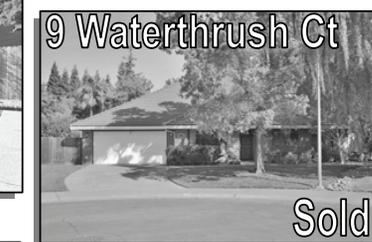
Lead-off hitter, right field, and first baseman **Hunter "Brick" Wohlford** has been playing for six years. His favorite thing about baseball is getting on base and crossing home plate. "Being an all-star means that I worked hard all season and my hard work paid off. I was proud to represent Pocket Little League." He felt happy and excited when his team won the game and got the banner. It was the first time that any team I had played on won a banner."

**Catcher Zackary Wood** has played for six seasons. He likes playing with his friends, and having fun. "I was extremely happy and excited to win Pocket's first ever 9-10 District 7 Championship! It was fun running around the field as a team with the banner and celebrating with everyone."

Team members not quoted, include: **Jaylen Hodges** and **Mike Santos**.

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